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<b>Response to Rule 312 Communication</b>	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>
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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 30 March 2010 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) ☒ entered.
- b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

- d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

The amendments to the claims and specification are approved for entry. The amended claims filed by Applicant include all the amendments made in the Examiner's Amendment (except the inadvertent amendment by the Examiner to include claim 1 dependency into claim 15 - since it contained the exact same subject matter of claim 7 - not realizing the cancellation of claim 7 would increase Applicant's fees since claim 15 would then be a multiple dependent claim; Applicant reason for wanting to keep both claim 7 and 15).

Thus, the amended claims filed in the 312 Amendment replace in their entirety, the previous Examiner's Amendment. An amended Issue Classification form is included that adds claim 7 and the allowed claims as "6", for internal processing.

#### Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MAURY AUDET whose telephone number is (571)272-0960. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th. 7AM-5:30PM (10 Hrs.).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia Tsang can be reached on 571-272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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